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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Gardens By The Sea.

The past weeks have been spent in visits to hundreds of beautiful gardens along the Jersey Shore. The scorching weather, that shriveled garden dreams, did not overlook the seashore, and flowering results in July were not quite up to expectations. Then came the rains of early August, and up sprung grass, and thousands of buds formed and blossomed in the Perennial borders, and all was again gorgeous with variegated foliage and thousand-tinted flowers.

Privet has been a boon to the gardeners of the Shoreland. Not only does it thrive amazingly well a bit back from the water front, but it serves as a protective wind-break to prevent old boreas from slashing the garden favorites when they are in their prime. Privet has been a boon to gardeners everywhere, and is being



HYDRANGEA HORTENSIS

planted by miles throughout the land despite the fact that, in some places, it suffers occasionally from winter kill in severe winters, as the most ornamental and practical hedge plant for the multitude.

The Japanese Barberry (*Berberis Thunbergi*) runs a close second, and is really rather more ornamental, and perhaps less demanding in upkeep, and when we consider that we have the beautiful berries for cheery-color bits and bird food in the winter it is a question which of the two plants named, Privet or Barberry, will in ten years run the longest race in miles of hedging in the country.

Selection plays its part everywhere. At the Seashore the wonderful French Hydrangeas, the pinks and the blues, are everywhere in evidence. They thrive, and please, and are found in great color clumps everywhere.

Hydrangea *Paniculata*, with its great, plummy

heads of white flower, is conspicuous and pleasing in many of the gardens. I noticed one attractive home where, all along the porch front, the *Hydrangea Paniculata* came quite to the rail, and in front of this were pink Phlox, with Marigolds as a low border edging. The effect was pleasing, and, to add to the attractiveness of this modestly planted house front, a border of summer blooming bedding Begonias, bordered with Alyssum, gave lightness and added attractiveness to the garden. This was a planting and an arrangement that produced much satisfaction with little expense and bother.

Those of you who have grown Asters, and know how easily and happily Asters grow, like Dandelions, for most of us in the inland country, will regret to find that at points along the Coast, in the sandy soils, the Aster is not happy. The insect troubles at the roots prevent the constitution of the plant from getting strong. Sterilization of the soil is not sufficiently understood or practiced it seems. Here, where so much money is expended for floral bounty, it is believed the practice of steaming the soil, so much done in Lancaster County for sterilizing tobacco seed beds, would prove a boon to the gardeners of the Shore who cannot at present enjoy Asters.

The charm of the Darwin, the Breeder and the Cottage Tulips has struck the fancy of the Shore folk. They like to have them as cut-flowers, and to have them in full bloom in the border when they come down on week-end visits just before Decoration Day. Everywhere the Tulips of the types mentioned are to be grown in greater and greater volume each year. It is not appreciated yet throughout the country that these types of late flowering Tulips have wonderfully long stems; stems as long as the American Beauty Rose, and that the flowers are perhaps the most satisfactory cut-flowers in the entire garden calendar.

It will be well worth while, I have planned to come again to the Shore in late spring of next year, just to enjoy the wonderful color range of the Darwin, Breeder, Cottage and Rembrandt Tulips. I want to get acquainted with them in their myriad varieties, and one must see them to know them.

The Begonia has come into its own as a bedding plant and certainly it is most attractive. Coleus and Acanthus are much used, and the flaming Cannas hold their own in the effort to make the Shore life of the summer residents develop in a riot of color. We all share in the good work that is done in the world and those of us that spend but a few days in sections where gardens have been highly developed are permitted to carry away memories of well done bits in the general job of making the out-of-doors everywhere manifest beauty.

The strong winds, bearing salty heaviness, do not permit foliage and flower to stand up, except as protected by walls or houses immediately along the water front, but all of us feel that the broad expanse of sea view is of itself a complete source of satisfaction, and we do not miss the gardens that cannot endure the direct, frontal attacks of the rolling surf.

Editor.

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE

LaPark, Pennsylvania.

HYACINTHS ARE FOR CONSTANCY

It was Scotland's beloved bard, Robbie Burns's who wrote

"The Hyacinth's for Constancy wi'ts unchanging blue."

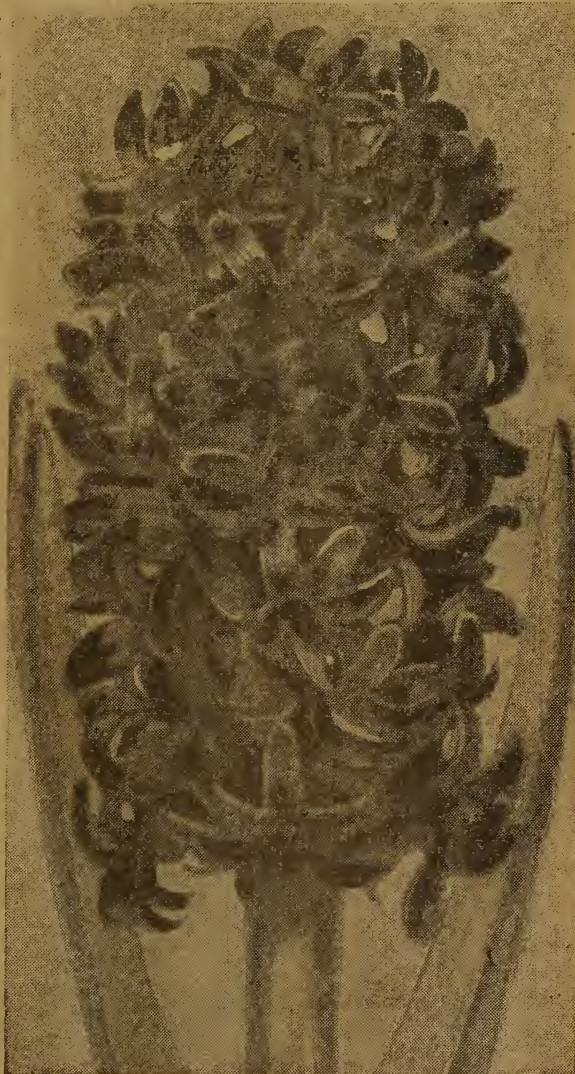
But I promise you the October and November Magazine will be at least a little more like what I think the Magazine should be to be of the greatest use and interest to its subscribers.

Fancy a garden in spring without Hyacinths! There are other early flowers just as bright and fascinating in colors but none of such great size and so delightfully perfumed. Burns spoke of blue and so we have chosen for our illustration a photograph of the most perfect of all blue Hyacinths, "The King of Blues."

This month's magazine was long ago planned to be a Bulb Number, but the Editor has been a way from the office so much of late that the idea seems to have been lost track of judging from the matter I found set up in type ready for September, when, in the emergency, I once more stepped into the editorial chair. Many of our readers will understand that, in a publication of office, it is necessary to have the reading matter selected and carefully edited for at least three numbers ahead, and enough printers are constantly employed so that it will take them the entire month, previous to the date of the particular number, to set up the type, make the electrotyped plates and print that issue. Consequently I have to give you for September the matter in type without very much reference to its season ability.

This one page I am writing, and it was to have been about Hyacinths, and really I had no intention of writing anything else but having had the idea of a Bulb Number so enthusiastically in mind, a sort of apology has slipped out and I am just going to let it stand.

In Holland early in the season, there were grave fears that Hyacinths Tulips and indeed all bulbs grown there for America, would be small and scarce, on account of the prolonged drought. But timely rain came and the later reports are that a fine crop is being harvested. Shipments of the French Bulbs, "Paper Whites" and *Lilium Candidum*, have already been made. Whether or not the French Government will this year permit the exportation of any Roman Hyacinths is not yet known, but the expectation is that a few cases will reach America. The supply of French Roman has not yet recovered from the ravages of the war. Then there is a "hint" from Washington that when the new Tariff is completed it will show an increase from fifty cents to two dollars and fifty cents a thousand on Tulips imported into the United States. Let us hope not.



PHOTOGRAPH OF A SINGLE KING OF THE BLUES HYACINTH.

STRIVE TO MAKE AMARYLLIS POPULAR

The beautiful Amaryllis is something of an aristocrat among flowers and is not well known by the country at large, but in six days, recently, 82,499 persons visited a special exhibition in Washington, given by the United States Department of Agriculture. About a year ago, when the show was open only four days, more than 30,000 saw the flowers. One particularly fine feature of these displays is that after the public has had its fill of delight the blooms are

plunged in a border during the early summer and dried off in the autumn, and stored in a frost-free cellar during early winter, may be brought out and flowered in April. This is a plan that has been followed by flower lovers for many years with satisfaction to themselves and to their friends.

Besides the methods mentioned, which apply particularly to the northern tier of States, the Amaryllis may be grown the year around as an outdoor plant in Florida, Southern Texas and in Southern California. By the three methods described, namely, growing in borders, in pots, or as an outdoor plant, it can be flowered throughout the entire extent of the country. The least satisfactory method is that of handling it in borders, but as a pot plant, plunged in sand or cinders during the summer and dried off in the autumn, it gives great satisfaction as a house or conservatory plant when brought into flower in April or early May.

Reds Are Most Common.

One of the features to strive for in the production of Hybrids is to secure plants with large flowers of uniform color throughout. As a rule the colors of the Amaryllis which are most frequently met with are shades of red. Departures from these colors, some of which are not attractive, are desirable; and the amateur or professional should strive to get satisfactory shades of pink and of white, which work in England and in the United States indicates is possible.

Pure white flowers are very rare, but have been produced. Good pinks are almost equally rare, but the work of the specialists of the Department of Agriculture clearly shows that flowers with such colors are within the range of the horticulturist. It is the thing which is unusual and difficult of accomplishment which really makes the striving worth while. The



AIGBERTH AMARYLLIS

cut and sent to the shut-ins in the hospitals, so that probably a third of Washington's population enjoys the season's floral debutante.

While at the present time the Amaryllis is not extensively handled in this country, either by florists or as a house plant, it lends itself readily to such use. It is not difficult to hybridize, and, while it requires eighteen months for the seedlings to come into bloom, the recent display in the Department greenhouses amply proves the possibilities both as regards numbers and variety.

Easily Grown by Amateurs.

In England this plant has for years been much more popular than here and the breeders and fanciers often secure prices which, to the amateurs, seem exorbitant, yet good sorts can be had around \$2.00 per plant in the English trade. But the amateur will get a large part of his satisfaction out of growing [this, or any other plant that lends itself readily to hybridization, by growing seedlings from crosses he has made between parent plants of his own choosing. The element of chance, which is a factor in such work, gives zest and encouragement.

Even a small collection that is handled the same as Dahlia bulbs, by planting out in May and lifting in late September, will give a rich reward for the trouble. Plants handled in pots



ORIENTAL POPPIES

Amaryllis offers such a field for the venturesome plant breeder.

NARCISSUS For House Blooming.

As a rule the Narcissus are hardy, but the subject of our illustrations, the lovely "Paper White", is exclusively for growing indoors in our northern part of the world, in either water or shallow pans of soil, a bowl of water, the bulbs held in position by pebbles, is interesting, but for best results soil is preferable, the bulbs buried so that the tops just peep through the surface.

The bulbs of the "Paper Whites" are grown in France, where they mature and ripen earlier, and are received in America towards the end of August, or several weeks ahead of the Holland grown hardy varieties. As soon as they are received they should be quickly planted, as their blooming qualities are affected quite a little after they leave the importers' properly temperature regulated bulb cellars and are allowed to lie around in local florists' shops and overheated rooms at home. Full cultural directions are generally to be found in every seedsman's catalogue.

The "Paper White", with its intense and peculiarly sweet, permeating odor, is well known to most readers of the Magazine, and those who are not already familiar with it would become enthusiastic admirers with one trial. It is an easy bulb to grow and every bulb has stored up within itself flowers which must come forth unless prevented by failure to observe most ordinary rules of growing.



HARDY PERENNIAL ORIENTAL POPPIES.

Oriental Poppies should be sown in early spring in the open ground as soon as it is in good condition to work. These brilliant flowers stand unrivalled for permanent beds and borders, their rich colors and great size of the flowers make a showy bed; they are hardy and may be grown on for years if care is taken not to work too deeply about the plants. I have a large bed of these Perennials. A mulch of well-rotted manure can be placed about each plant in early spring. The plants being hardy, require no special care during winter, though in late fall, when the foliage dies down, it is well to give a little protection. The roots go down almost to China, so they stand our dry seasons much better than many of our Perennials. Papaver Oriental is dark red, a deep crimson, having a conspicuous black blotch on each petal, large and exceedingly showy. Oriflamme is a gorgeous orange-scarlet. So well do I like this last one I think I have them by the dozen. They are often from 7 to 9 inches in diameter, shining in silken-like texture. Perry's White, very distinct, pure satiny white with a crimson-maroon blotch on each petal. Princess Victoria, a beautiful salmon-pink. There are others,

as I have three shades of orange and dark maroon; easily grown from seed, but they should be sown where they are to remain in their permanent flowering quarters. It's well to mark the places where they are planted with a stake to insure the roots against disturbance during their annual resting period. The flowers are borne in great profusion, high above the foliage: the plants grow three to three and a-half feet high, with beautiful, finely cut leaves.

There are many new Hybrids now being tried out. I have a number of packets of seed sown now from several of our best florists and hope to have some new Hybrids of blooming size this fall. Some sown rather late in season last year did not make strong, sturdy plants, as I like, so, late in fall, as nights were getting colder each evening, I placed a fruit jar over these smallest size plants. When our cold weather came to stay, these jars were left on the plants and a little soil banked up around the jar. Some trouble, yes, but they were choice seed, saved from fine Hybrids. They came through the winter fine and are making strong clumps. I may get a brilliant, showy color from these protected plants that will rival in brilliancy anything I now have.

P. S.—I have no Poppies to spare.

Mrs. Jennie Spencer Farmer, Illinois.

AMERICA'S FLORAL EMBLEM.

What will America's emblem be,
Chosen from all her beautiful flowers?
Surely there's one that will well represent
This grand and glorious country of ours!
I will cast my vote for the Wild Columbine.
You will find her steadfast and true,
Growing at the four points of the compass,
And her colors are Red, White and Blue.
No emigrant like the Golden Rod,
But born on our very own soil.
Go ask of the Red Men, her flowers they knew,
As all through our forests they'd toil.
Then what will our Nation's flower be?
Name the one you think will be best.
Speak! you of the North, and you of the South,
And you of the East and the Golden West!
For surely among all the beautiful flowers,
There is one that was meant for this brave land o
ours

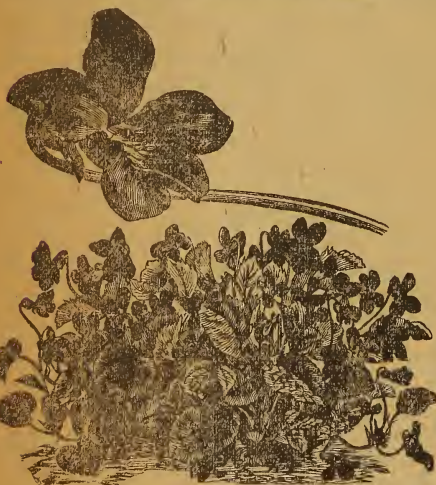
(Columbine) Aquilegia.

THE FLOWERS OF THE YOSEMITE.

It had long been an all-absorbing desire with me to visit the Yosemite National Park, to study its interesting flowers, to wander through its beautiful forests of pine and cedar, and to bask beneath its imposing granite cliffs, so when invited to accompany another individual similarly inclined, the invitation was gladly accepted.

It is generally conceded that the best view of the Yosemite Valley is obtained from Inspiration Point. From there the view is grand, for the valley with its imposing walls of granite, its beautiful waterfalls gracefully falling to the valley below, its delightful groves of pine and cedar, and its vernal meadows harboring countless floral treasures lies like a dream at one's feet.

Going down into the valley from Inspiration Point, one is delighted with the thickets of the



VIOLET

large flowering Dogwood in bloom. Its beautiful bracts, which take the place of petals, are often five inches across. Here also along the roadside is found the Wild Mock Orange, *Philadelphus Lewisii*, often bending under the weight of its pure white flowers. These, unlike the cultivated species, have no fragrance, but are otherwise unresistingly attractive. But it is only when the floor of the val-

ley is reached that the countless species of wild flowers that find there a congenial habitat, are to be seen. Patches of *Pentstemon Confertus* make the meadows gay with its trusses of blue flowers, accompanied by white and yellow *Hosakias*. The Wild Geranium, too, with its large pink blossoms finds a con-



LUPINUS!

genial home beneath the pine trees, accompanied by Alpine Lilies, Yellow *Mimulus*, and the blue and the white Violets. Then there are *Gillias*, blue and white, *Monardellas*, and giant *Dodecatheons*, growing in proximity to immense thickets of gorgeous *Azaleas*. The eastern Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia Hirta*, has found in these meadows a suitable place to thrive, and is consequently spreading. In boggy places grows the giant *Dodecatheon*, *Dodecatheon Jeffreyi*, a beautiful species with immense lanceolate leaves and stems often 18 inches high, surmounted by large, bracted clusters of gorgeous, nodding, rose-pink flowers. There is no more attractive flower to be found in our rambles through the mountain meadows than these giant "shooting-stars" as they are often called.

The flora is as varied as the topography of the Park. As one ascends to the higher elevations one notices the change in the flora, for those flowers that grow at the lower level and are also found at the higher altitudes, have assumed a dwarfed form, and the blossoms are paler in color.

There are a few plants belonging to the Orchid family that are always interesting to meet in the forest, and these are the *Pine-Drops*, *Pterospora Andromedea* and the *Snow-Plant*, *Sarcodes Sanguinea*. My first acquaintance with the *Snow-plant* shall ever remain a fond reminiscence. I came upon it suddenly where it nestled amid the pine-needles illuminating the surrounding space with its fiery spikes of heath-like blossoms. It possesses no leaves, having long ago departed from the ways of its relatives, and now in some mysterious manner draws its nourishment from decaying vegetation. Having no need of leaves, it is supplied with scale-like bracts of a flesh-tint. The *Pine-Drops*, too, prefers the seclusion of the pine groves for its home, where it rears its flesh-colored stems among the pine-needles. The colorless leaves are mere bracts, and the

stems are densely covered with little, waxen, urn-shaped blossoms. Another plant that seems to prefer the company of the weird-looking *Pterospora*, is the *Pyrola*. This also belongs to the heath family, but its pinkish blossoms are not bell-shaped, and it is not a parasite, but, like all good plants, possesses green leaves for the elaboration of its food.

Five species of *Pentstemons* find in the Yosemite a congenial home. *Pentstemon Confertus*, which I have already mentioned, bears a dense spike of small blue flowers. This is quite common on the floor of the valley, often making large patches of blue. It also grows at the high altitudes in a dwarfed form, which, by some botanists, has been classed as a separate species. *Pentstemon Breviflorus* is a shrubby species, somewhat straggling in growth, yet bearing interesting flowers, white striated with pink, on long stems that often bend as to touch the ground. It prefers the warmer localities, and is found growing among

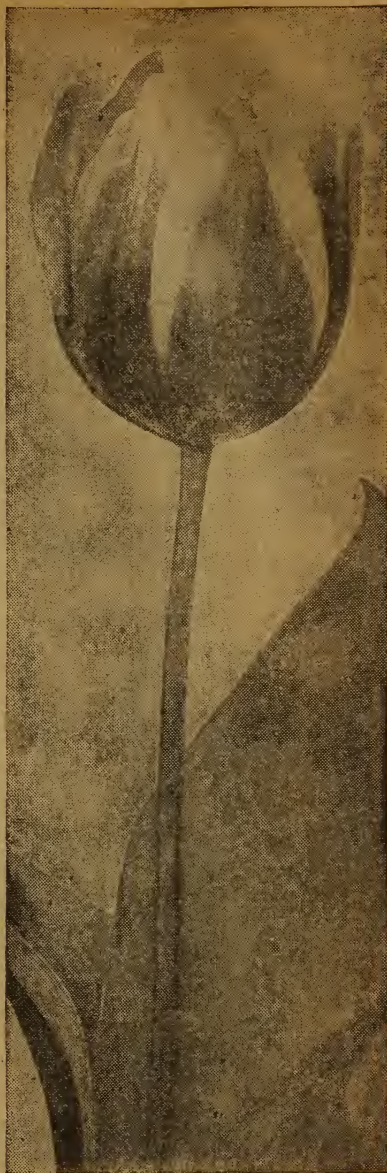


AZALEA

the rocks accompanied by Blue *Monardellas*, *Collomias* and *Pussy's-Paws*. *Pentstemon Laetus*, a species with bright blue flowers, is common, and also prefers sheltered nooks for its habitat. But the prettiest *Pentstemons*, that make the Alpine regions gay with color, are the species *Menziesii* and *Bridgesii*, both bearing red flowers and both preferring the almost inaccessible cliffs as their home. They are both beautiful, but *Pentstemon Menziesii* is every one's favorite, and is found growing at the high altitudes where it makes many a stream-bank and rock-shelf gay with its pink blossoms. It is known by the common name of *Pride of the Mountains*. Its anthers are very woolly and almost fill the throat, by which characteristic aspect it may be easily recognized.

There are many beautiful flowers belonging to the *Gilia* family to be found in the Yosemite, both at the lower level and at the higher altitudes, and possibly the prettiest of them is the Alpine *Phlox*—*Phlox Douglasii*. It is a

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A BREEDER TULIP.

Painted for the Magazine from a Tulip grown at Lapark. The Breeders are the "Mother Bulbs" of Holland, grown from seed, great, tall, lovely flowers, very large in size and generally self-colored, or in solid colors, in dull, or neutral, shades of red and yellow, with tints of orange, buff and brown. It is from these Breeders, by a system of asexual breeding, that other varieties of Tulips are propagated, the solid colors breaking into other shades and combinations of white, yellow, orange, red, violet and purple, often striped and blotched, and sometimes the edges feathered as in the Parrots. Tulips are the showiest of all Spring flowers, in every color save blue—there is no genuine blue Tulip.

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delight to find it growing in the crevices of the bare granite rocks, making an otherwise barren spot gay with its delicately tinted blossoms, which may be white, pink, or a pale lilac color. It does not seem to be its desire to associate with its more plebeian relatives, but loves the cool, sunshiny mountain heights, where it is caressed by every mountain breeze. Very few of the uninitiated would recognize *Gilia Grandiflora* as belonging to the *Gilia* family, yet this tall plant, with its large, tubular, salmon-colored flowers, has that honor. It is often classified as a *Collomia*, yet the matter of a difference in classification does not detract anything from its beauty. *Gilia Pungens* grows in suitable localities among the rocks, its blossoms being a pearly white, or sometimes lightly tinted with rose; its foliage is prickly, and on that account disagreeable to handle.

A very winsome plant is the Pussy's-Paws *Spraguea Umbellata*. It varies a great deal as to height, and to the size of its blossoms. It often covers considerable area with its pretty pinkish blossoms, which grow in bunches much like the pink cushions on pussy's feet, and which no doubt accounts for its common name. It belongs to the Purslane family, although at first glance one is puzzled and is not aware of the similarity.



PENTSTEMON

All species of Orchids are interesting to find, possibly from the fact of their peculiar structure, and of their kinship to the gorgeous exotics. The "Phantom Orchids," *Cephalanthera Sustiniæ*, is perhaps the most interesting Orchid to find. We have to confess to its degeneracy, for it, too, like the Pine-Drops and the Snow-Plant, has no leaves, but only a few sheathing bracts. The whole plant is pure white and extremely ghost-like in appearance, its nourishment being derived entirely from decaying vegetation. One has to penetrate the dense forest to find it, where it rears its spike of glistening white blossoms.

There are many species of Wild Lilacs, and as many as seven are listed in the botany of the region. These are not real Lilacs, but belong to the Buckthorn family, which also includes the Cascara Sagrada. Possibly the

one most admired is the species *Integerrimus*, bearing pure white blossoms in feathery clusters two to six inches long. The clean, airy blossoms of this species should not be confounded with those of *Ceanothus Cordulatus*, or Snow-Bush, for the blossoms of the Snow-Bush are not of such a pearly white, but more of a cream color. The Snow-Bush is, nevertheless, a magnificent plant when in full bloom, for its foliage is completely hidden under its masses of feathery white blossoms. Possibly from this abundance of white blossoms it has earned the name of Snow-Bush. It is a low, flat-topped bush, with olive-grey branches and spiny twigs. Its low stature and very compact growth is no doubt caused by the heavy burden of snow which it is obliged to carry for several months of the year. The flowers of the *Ceanothus* yield a copious lather when rubbed in the water, and on account of its saponaceous character it is often called Soap-Bush.

About a dozen species of Lupines are found growing within the Park, but they are difficult of determination. Nevertheless there are a few well-marked species which offer no great difficulty in identification, even to the novice. Perhaps the one most striking, at least in point of color, is *Lupinus Stiversii*. The large flowers of this species are yellow and rose-pink, a combination of tints not often to be met with in wild flowers. Its spikes of bloom are small, the flowers being scattered, and for that reason lack the attractiveness of the other species, which, as a rule, have larger spikes of bloom. In suitable places among the pines grows a dwarf Lupine with silvery foliage and blue flowers, that often covers large areas with a sheet of blue. It is a sight that cannot be soon forgotten, these broad expanses of blue Lupines, which are so characteristic of our Western landscape, and even prettier still, is the effect of an admixture of blue Lupines and Golden Poppies, which is often met with in the lower regions.

All along the streams grows the Azalea, often having its gorgeous blossom-laden branches in the limpid waters. Its blossoms are borne in magnificent clusters and are white and yellow, though sometimes they assume a pinkish tinge.

There are a number of species of Violets to be found. Some of these, like the white and blue, grow amid the grass in the meadows, seemingly seeking its shelter for protection, as they are delicate, fragile things. Under the pines one often finds a yellow Violet with pure yellow blossoms and heart-shaped leaves. Although all these species of Violets are interesting, they cannot compare with the large, yellow Violet that often, in the coast region, makes the hillsides yellow with its blossoms.

Antone J. Soares, California.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Dear Floral Friends:

Rap! rap! rap! May I come in and have some tea? Now just keep your seats, girls; I will sit here beside Dandelion, if she will let me. Just milk and no sugar in my tea, please; thank you. Listen girls, I think that it is just fine of the Editor to give us this Corner, and I think that our little Magazine is getting better all the time. Let's try to help make it so. Some time I'll tell you all about the lovely Cosmos I have had; they are grand; try some this year, girls. Violet.

COMING HOME.

Brothers and sisters, growing old,
Do you all remember yet;
That home, in the shade of the rustling trees,
Where once our household met?

Do you know how we used to come from school
Through the summer's pleasant heat;
With the yellow Fennel's golden dust
On our tired little feet?

And how sometimes in an idle mood
We loitered by the way;
And stopped in the woods to gather flowers,
And in the fields to play;

Till warned by the deep'ning shadow's fall,
That told of the coming night,
We climbed to the top of the last, long hill,
And saw our home in sight?

And, brothers and sisters, older now
Than she whose life is o'er,
Do you think of the mother's loving face,
That looked from the open door?

Alas, for the changing things of time,
That home in the dust is low;
And that loving smile was hid from us,
In the darkness, long ago!

And we have come to life's last hill,
From which our weary eyes
Can almost look on the home that shines
Eternal in the skies.

So, brothers and sisters, as we go,
Still let us move as one,
Always together keeping step
Till the march of life is done.

For that mother who waited for us here,
Wearing a smile so sweet,
Now waits on the hills of Paradise
For her children's coming feet!

By Phoebe Cary.

DAHLIAS.

Dahlias will bloom without coaxing or petting, they are as fine as any 'mum that ever grew and in color and size far surpass them; they may be had from June till frost. They

are propagated by eyes or buds, which are situated around the stem, a piece of which must be attached to the tuber, which will not start if it is broken off, or from green plants that have been grown from cuttings. If a sprout is accidentally broken off it will usually root and grow if kept moist and the ground firmly packed around it and shaded by a

newspaper for two or three weeks, or better yet, turn a glass jar over it, thus forming a miniature greenhouse, and cover the jar with paper or grass. The tubers should be planted six inches deep with the stem or bud end uppermost. They can be planted any time after danger of frost is over until June. For early blossoms start in house, in March, keep the ground loose and fine. With good soil and ordinary weather they ought to be in bloom in two months after planting. It is necessary to give tall, vigorous-growing plants a stout stake, four or five feet high, which should be driven into the ground far enough away from the tuber not

to penetrate it, and tie the central stem with soft cloth to this stake. When the buds begin to develop the time has come to disbud, which will produce blossoms as large as a breakfast plate in some varieties. If size, instead of

quantity, is desired, remove all but the central terminal bud on each stem. I must confess I like nature's way the best. Dahlias are of Mexican origin and were originally all single, but to-day there are a number of distinct forms: the single varieties, which resemble



SHOW DAHLIA

immense daisies, are not lasting; the Show and Decorate types, which are very double and formal; the dear little miniature Pompons; the Paony-flowered sorts, which resemble a lovely hued Paony; then comes the Cactus Dahlia, with their irregular and loose petals, sometimes flat, sometimes pointed, and sometimes tubular, and last, but not least, comes the Collarette, which, to my way of thinking, is more odd than pleasing. They come in all colors but blue, from white, pink and scarlet to the deepest maroon; from the palest primrose to the deepest yellow and copper color. If the tubers should be forgotten and freeze in the ground, let them stay there till the ground thaws, if it is a month, as we do potatoes, and they will come out all right.

Mrs. J. E. Shaver, New York.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Dear Floral Friends;

Having scanned Mr. A. J. Soares' most interesting article on State Flowers, I have to conclude that I hale from a laggard section of the Union, and therefore cannot be charged with disloyalty nor partiality if I choose the Iris, the flower to which Longfellow refers, in its native haunts, as:

"Beautiful lily, dwelling by still rivers,

Or solitary mere.

Or, where the sluggish meadow brook delivers
Its waters to the weir."

Thoreau also mentions it as the "flower of chivalry, with a sword for its leaf and a lily for its heart."

Botanists tell us there are about twenty species of the Iris native to North America, varying in color as befits its name, which is the Greek word for rainbow, and all probably better known now under the French name *Fleur-de-llys*. It has been bred up to almost incredible size and beauty, but not a whit less appealing to many of us are the little Wild Iris or Blue Flags which bordered the pasture brooks and ponds, and among which, hatless and barefooted, we pursued the elusive crawfish and tadpoles in childhood's happy days.

Corydalis



REGGIA DAHLIA

or three weeks, or better yet, turn a glass jar over it, thus forming a miniature greenhouse, and cover the jar with paper or grass. The tubers should be planted six inches deep with the stem or bud end uppermost. They can be planted any time after danger of frost is over until June. For early blossoms start in house, in March, keep the ground loose and fine. With good soil and ordinary weather they ought to be in bloom in two months after planting. It is necessary to give tall, vigorous-growing plants a stout stake, four or five feet high, which should be driven into the ground far enough away from the tuber not

GRANDMA'S GARDEN.

Oh, far, far back, adown the years that stretch between the then and now,
My memory turns, and I forget the lines of care upon my brow,
And feel myself a child again in Grandma's garden hard at play—
That quaint old place where dwelt the lights and shadows of the summer's day.

I close my eyes, and seem to hear the drowsy hum of busy bees,
And catch the lullaby of winds soft singing through the Maple trees,
And, bordering the graveled walk, by memory's aid I see once more
The dear old flowers Grandma loved and tended in those days of yore.

The stately Hollyhocks, which grew beside the Lilies white and tall;
The wondrous Sunflowers in a row beside the broken garden wall;
The plump, white Snowballs rising from a nest of Ribbon Grass around
The flaunting Tulips standing guard so boldly o'er their bit of ground.

The fragrant Pinks, which mingled breath with Sweet Marjoram and Thyme,
And watched their enterprising friends, the Morning Glories, climb and climb,
Until they towered o'er the porch where Grandma mother was wont to sit,
To watch the humming birds, and on her blue yarn stockings calmly knit.

And oh the Box! that grew so green and sturdily beside the walk;
The Mint that Grandma loved; the Fennel growing high upon its stalk;
The "Ragged Sailor," my young hands were fond of pulling all apart;
"Sweet Williams" and the "Four O'clocks," oh, lovingly within my heart

I hold the memory of them all, and seem again to breathe the air
Of that old garden; nor can modern hot-house perfume, rich or rare,
Make me long less once more to see the dear old friends of "Auld Lang Syne,"
When life itself a garden seemed and care touched not this heart of mine.

Oh, precious hours of memory! when backward I can turn my gaze,
And make myself a child again, happy in childhood's careless days!
Full many a joy returns to me, full many a vision bright; but oh!
There's none so dear to me as Grandma's garden in the long ago.

By Mary D. Brine.

TULIPS.

"Along the lawns the tulip lamps are lit,
Amber, and amaranth, and ivory,
Porphyr, silver and chalcadony—
Filled with the sunlight and the joy of it."

Rosamund Marriott Watson.

The Editor was kind enough to print, in the April number, an article by me on Hardy plants for the cold Northwest, and to ask me to come again with separate details. I recommended the novice on our Northwestern prairies to begin with six "Ironclads," viz.: Tulips, Iris, Pæonies, Delphinium, Bleeding Heart and Columbine. In this article I shall say a few words on the Tulip. Strange to say, this native of the sunny Orient is apparently impervious to cold and may be planted as far north as mankind cares to go. It bears the essence of the sunlight in its petals and glows with beauty while yet our yards are bare and our trees leafless. First in this latitude come the Single early in late April or early May, in brilliant whites, yellows and all shades of scarlet and red. Then follow the

early Doubles, more sturdy and lasting; then the late Doubles, almost as fine as Pæonies, and last and best of all, the stately Cottage Gardens and Darwins. We can grow nothing finer in our Northern gardens than the exquisitely shaped and margined "Picotee," the lovely "Clara Butt," the queenly "Madame Krelage," and the regal "King Harold."

The culture of Tulips is extremely simple. Get the Bulbs in September, if possible, as winter comes early in this region. In this heavy soil put a little sand under and around each bulb and do not plant too deep; three inches is about right for the Earlies and four or five for Cottage Garden and Darwins (remember I am speaking about our heavy prairie soil) then cover for the first winter with about three inches of hay or strawy manure, to be removed early in spring.

In the Northwest they can be left in the ground for three years, or until they begin to crowd. Then take them up in July or August, when the foliage is dead, and reset them, small and large, about four inches apart, when they are good for another three years. Our summers are so dry that the Bulbs ripen in the ground and do not need to be taken up and dried off to prevent rotting, as is necessary in regions of greater rainfall. For this reason I am convinced that we could raise Tulip Bulbs commercially here, if labor were cheaper.

North Dakota.

A. L. Truax.

FLORAGRAM.

SEDUMS.

Dear Editor: Why is it that we do not see and hear more about the Sedums? To me they are the most beautiful and interesting class of plants that I have so far tried. They will grow and thrive in places where it is so hot and dry that few other plants would live. There is such a variety of forms and colors that there seems to be some beautiful variety for every location. Of the dwarf varieties that I have tried *Lyodium Glaucum*, with its feathery sprays, which quickly cover the ground with its ice-green foliage and dainty pink flowers, is the most beautiful. *Dasyphyllum* is another beautiful little creeper with its little, fat globose opposite blue green leaves on tiny stems so delicate they appear like fine green wires. *Album* comes next with its neat clusters of fresh green leaves and white blossoms. *Album Red Form* is like the above, only that its stems are a dark red color. *Acre*, or *Mossy-Stonecrop*, is a dainty, mossy looking little creeper, its bright green leaves clustered about the tiny stem and all thickly dotted with bright yellow stars. *Reflexum* is somewhat similar, only all its parts are on a larger scale. *Anglicum* is so dainty and lace-like that it would seem that a breath would blow them away. *Douglassi* has clusters of pointed leaves and is one of the choicest. *Oreganum*, another dainty trailer, quickly covers its allotted space with rosettes of dark green reniform leaves and pinkish flowers. *Purdyi* also forms neat clusters of almost round leaves that are partially hid by its bright yellow flowers. *Sarmentosa* is a rapid grower of procumbent habits and leaves in whorls of three. *Japonicum* is very similar.

We will leave this charming group and pass on to the intermediate types. One of the very choicest in this group is *Sieboldi*, with its round, wavy edged, blue-green leaves in

whorls of three on upright stems, four or five inches in height, crowned with flat cymes of deep pink stars in October. *Spathulatum* has larger clusters of gray-green, spatulate leaves and yellow blossoms. *Stoloniferum* has fine clusters of dark green above, reddish purple beneath leaves and flat cymes of pinkish flowers; is one of the very hardiest and most reliable varieties. *Ternatum* also has its nearly round, dark green leaves in whorls of three; is very reliable and of rapid growth.

Then there are the tall, erect varieties. The old-fashioned Live-For-Ever (*Sedum Telephium*) is the best known and homeliest of the entire group. The *Spectabilis* group gives us one with bright green leaves and immense cymes of creamy white flowers with pink centers. Another with similar flowers has glaucous green leaves with a broad stripe of creamy yellow thru the center of each leaf, and brilliant, with its grand cymes of deep, rosy carmine blossoms.

All the *Sedums* have star-shaped blossoms. *Sedums* are supposed to do best in a hot, dry situation in full sun, in sandy soil which contains some lime. Last year I divided my stock of choice ones (a small one) equally and gave one-half the above conditions. The other half were placed in a large box in rather rich, sandy soil, in half shade and well watered. They grew much faster than the first mentioned. I also set *Ternatum*, *Acre*, *Telephium* and *Stolonifera* in damp, heavy soil in full shade, and they all grew splendidly. Will the readers of the Magazine having other varieties please tell us about them?

Fannie S. Heath, North Dakota.

Chrysanthemums.

I see that "Lita," from California, wants to know something about cultivating *Chrysanthemums*. Here are a few things I have learned through experience. Be sure to plant them

in ordinary garden soil, without manuring, if you want them to grow off well. Then in June and July begin fertilizing. A cousin of mine puts a little commercial fertilizer about hers then, which makes them mature earlier and bloom before frost. Of course all shoots must be pinched off as they appear. Then, as the buds

appear they must be removed, except two or three. I leave that many for fear a grasshopper comes along and eats one; sometimes one bud is imperfect and has to be taken off, so it's safest to leave more than one for awhile. Liquid manure is to be applied weekly till color shows, then all stimulant is to be withheld.

The lovely single varieties do not require so much attention, give them a little manure in the fall and leave them to their own sweet will and they will make your garden gay with their lovely sprays of flowers. They are so beautiful in vases and baskets in the house.

Gaillardias.

I wonder how many of you know the beautiful *Gaillardia*? Several years ago Mrs. E. B.

Murray, so well known to all our Magazine readers, sent me some plants, but they did not like South Carolina, so they faded away. Last fall one of our Pauline flower lovers exhibited some blossoms at our Spartanburg County Fair, and took the prize for the best vase, ar flower. They have been blooming since Mr. first, and will continue to bloom until frost. Their long stems and fine keeping qualities make them especially good for cut-flower

Amaryllis.

I have written before about growing the lovely *Amaryllis* in the open in the latitude of South Carolina. I have a dozen roots in my garden which grow nicely during the summer, blooming in May, every year, and oh what glorious blooms they have. My Johnsons put up four stalks crowned with five buds each. Lovely! I should say so.

Several years ago I bought three hybrid *Amaryllis* from John L. Mead, Oviedo, Florida; one of them is wonderful, the other two have not bloomed yet. The growing of *Amaryllis* in the Northern States must be rather disappointing, but to put them in the ground and leave them there year after year is an easy job. Wrap them up snug in December in warm blankets of stable manure and cotton seed, digging this in good in March and April and the trick is done.

Flanders Field Poppies.

They are much like the Shirleys, but are a scarlet, and each morning my bed is brilliant with the single blossoms, the petals of which fall off about night.

Delphiniums.

I bought five *Delphiniums* last winter and three of them are blooming now, all different and all a lovely, unusual shade of blue. I am wondering if they bloom all summer or if the stop with this effort? Get some plants, flower lovers, for they are worth while. Mine are forming seed now. Do they self-sow, I wonder?

Mrs. Sam Lancaster, South Carolina.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER

Ah, ha! I knew *Azalea* would get 'em started, and he meant it, too. Bless 'um heart! Never mind, we can stand it. Thanks to L. Mariposa, we still know that "variety is the spice of life." But, dear me, we can't stay in the house all the time. Where would our flowerers be? I, for one, know just how busy it keeps a woman to keep the house in running order, but I truly believe two-thirds of the women would not be able to stay on the job if they did not have the blessed posies to help 'em out. Many times when I've been up (in my mind) I go to my beautiful flowers and say (in my mind, too) you dear, dearest friends! I have on earth, you are more of comfort to me than—any man.

Do you know, "Butterfly," what I would do to you if I were *Azalea*? Not a single thing, I would just go ahead digging around my *Petunias*, and live out-o'-doors all the time, where we know there is health and happiness and true unlimited joy.

The same all-powerful Creator that gave the lovely tints to the flowers, gives every man and every woman the same chance to do some good to their fellow beings sometime in their lives. If we think selfishness we cannot live unselfish lives. When we are guided by unselfish devotion, not only our own lives but those around us will truly blossom "like the Rose."
Bittersweet.



CHRYSANTHEMUM

THE PILGRIM FATHERS.

I.
The Pilgrim Fathers—where are they?
The waves that brought them o'er

Still roll in the bay and throw their spray,
As they break along the shore;

Still roll in the bay as they rolled that day,
When the Mayflower moored below—

When the sea around was black with storms,
And white the shore with snow

II.
The mists that wrapped the Pilgrim's sleep,
Still brood upon the tide;
And the rocks yet keep their watch by the deep,
To stay its waves of pride.

But the snow-white sail that they gave to the gale,
When the heavens looked dark, is gone—
As an angel's wing, through an opening cloud,
Is seen and then withdrawn.

III.
The Pilgrim exult—sainted name!—
The hill, whose icy brow

Rejoiced when he came, in the morning's flame,
In the morning's flame burns now;

And the moon's cold light as it lay that night
On the hillside and the sea,

Still lies where he laid his houseless head;
But the Pilgrim—where is he?

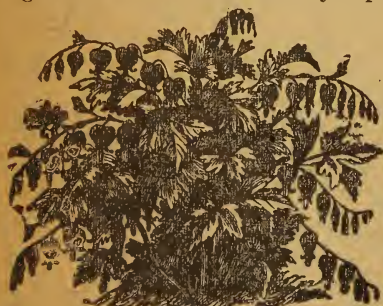
IV.
The Pilgrim Fathers are at rest;
When summer's throne on high
And the world's warm breast is in verdure dressed,
Go stand on the hill where they lie.
The earliest ray of the golden day
On that hallowed spot is cast,
And the evening sun, as he leaves the world,
Looks kindly on that spot last.

V.
The Pilgrim's spirit was not fled:
It walks in noon's broad light,
And it watches the bed of the glorious dead,
With the holy stars, by night
It watches the bed of the brave who have bled,
And shall guard this ice-bound shore,
Till the waves of the bay where the Mayflower lay
Shall foam and freeze no more.

By John Pierpont.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Just finished reading this month's Magazine and could keep still no longer. I am a new subscriber of three months, but I think so much of the little paper that I hope to take it always. I am a great flower lover and some day hope to



DIELYTRA—BLEEDING HEART.

have a yard full of my choicest Perennials—shrubs and Hardy Lilies and a few trees, say Pine, a Cedar and a Catalpa. There are quite few wild flowers that should have a place in everyone's yard, such as Violets, Blue Bells, columbine, Bleeding Heart, or as some call Dutchman's Breeches, Crowsfoot, Violets, Wild Lilies, Roses and the Trumpet Vine. There is no reason why anyone could not have

a beautiful yard, for those too poor to buy can find wild vines and plants, or exchange something useful with people who are dividing and trimming their plants in the spring and fall. For the pot plants I prefer Begonias, Lace Fern, Amaryllis, Callas, Leopard Plant, Crab Cactus and Midnight Cereus, which is a night blooming Cactus, blooming only every five years. An odd looking plant, but pretty mine is four years old and about four feet high.

I, too, think birds go with flowers. Put up a Martin box, and save the round oat boxes and fasten securely to the rafters inside the out-



JENNY WREN

buildings for the little Jennie Wrens. They will keep the bugs and worms picked off your garden. Put up tin cans and buckets for them in the Cedar trees and on fences, if you have no cats. Let some brush grow near the house for the other birds that do not like boxes. Then listen to their sweet thanks. I have in mind a little cottage on a rocky hillside of poor soil. The wire fence around the house was adorned with wild Rambler Roses; in one corner a wild Grape vine; a few Cedar trees grew in the yard and also two beautiful Catalpas. Near one corner grew a Willow. Some Iris had been found and set along the walks and around the fence, some Snowdrop bulbs were found where they had been washed in along a creek; these were put along edges of paths. Around the east and north sides of the house wild Ferns and Blue Bells were growing. Around a Dogwood bush was a bed of Columbine, low growing wild Roses and Violets; a Trumpet vine covered the front porch. A clay cellar bank was covered with graveyard Ivy and a hedge of wild Roses, and Buck brush hid an ugly ditch that was close by.



ROBIN RED BREAST

Bell Heather: cut the feathers off one wing of your Leghorn chickens, then they can't fly.

Please pardon me if I sign myself

Trumpet Vine.

Good for you, Clematis and Ima? Let's freeze out these folks who have such flower antipathies. I agree with LaMariposa, the Butterfly, about the flowers, not about women. Oh, no! A woman's place is wherever duty calls her, at home or abroad, just as a man's is, but every flower has something admirable about it. I may not want some in my flower beds. I do not know how to make some of them feel at home, but the ones I like the least I can imagine admiring in their right environment. Did someone say a Hyacinthus Candicans was coarse? A Dahlia and even some Lilies are coarser. Just what do they mean? Somewhere, I think in an English book on flowers, I read that H. C. should be planted near Tiger Lilies, that they go well together. Let's try it. Clematis, that thicket of Tamarix sounds too enticing. On children's day we had our church decorated

with branches from *Tamarix Africanus* and you can imagine how beautiful it was. The lady who owned the *Tamarix* told me that it takes a lot of water to do well.

Fleur-de-Lis: I, too, am interested in *Iris*, and about the soda, I used a heaping teaspoonful



AMARYLLIS. EVERY ONE DIFFERENT

around my *Amaryllis* bulb and have had no return of rust, but have kept the bulb in a warm place since. You misinterpreted my feelings about that *Amaryllis*, 'L. W., of Ill. I simply stated a fact—no *Amaryllis* would ever bloom in the sunny windows I have in this house. They are in unheated rooms, except in summer, but I have discovered that to bloom it does not need sun at all, if you only give heat enough, and, of course, water. Mine bloomed at the end of its August baking and afterward I set it up on the mantel and partially dried it off. As the fall days got cooler I took it out to the kitchen



HYDRANGAEA HORTENSIS

and put it on the clock shelf, five feet high and less than that from the stove. By December it had lost a couple of leaves and I thought perhaps I'd better give it a wee sip of warm water at its roots, but forgot it till it was soaked, and in a few days a big bud was coming. It never had a bit of sunshine from one blooming to an-

other and had four big blossoms on a stiff stalk.

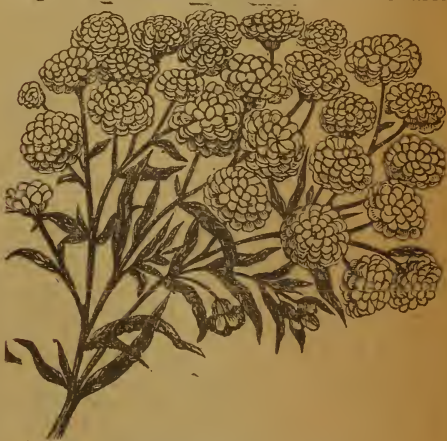
I do not think *Amaryllis* need be entirely dried off so as to lose all their leaves. Perhaps this will help you, Red *Amaryllis*. I, too, was pestered by moles, and mice that used their subways. After I had trapped nine mice and they seemed no less, I concluded it was too slow a process for me and took an old gardener's advice and got a nice mother cat with a growing family and gave them the freedom of the garden. The birds seem as plentiful as ever, but after two years the mice have disappeared and moles seldom bother me. We killed a few of them. The cats do not always cultivate to suit me, but I keep still, for their cultivating is so much less injurious than that of mice or moles.

Marguerite, we must be near of kin. I, too, prefer pink *Hydrangeas* to blue ones. I might say more if I had not just been scoring those floral antipathies. So when any of the Band visit me, please do not sift any alum, iron filings or bituminous coal around my *Hydrangea Hortensis*. I like it as it is. I saw its parent plant last fall and it was loaded with bloom, and blue! I wouldn't even call it a pastel shade, it was just blue.

"Daisy," Oregon.

Dear Floral Friends:

Will you pardon a newcomer if she speaks "right out in meetin'" rather soon after arri-



THE CHARMING ACHILLEA

val? I saw my first number of our little Magazine in January, and just took one look, then sent in a subscription. But how in the world do the Sisters manage to file the back numbers? I've been asked to loan every number so far, and they never come back. But as I have a suspicion my borrowers are subscribers by the next month, I'm willing to loan, for our cheery little paper is surely a missionary, preaching the gospel of home, joy, peace and beauty, a gospel I've been trying to preach for years, by word and example, without an official organ.

Daisy, of Oregon, have you tried *Portulaca* or "Rose Moss" as a border? It seems to thrive its best in dry weather, and is a blaze of beauty. It is so obliging about self-sowing, that it is almost as dependable as a Perennial. I can sympathize with Sweet Pea, for I, too, have planted and moved, until heartsick. But some ten years ago we built the White Bungalow, and there I raised my banner and told my lord and master (who is a dear) that hereafter he could buy and sell as he choose, except the "home eighty," and I've stayed with my decision, until

the grounds blossom from April to November, and every year we are tempted with higher and higher offers! Why don't they go put out some flowers themselves? I was so glad to see Bertha Norris speak of *Nicotiana Affinis*, for I, too, love it, indoors or out. Have any of the Sisters tried planting the *Nicotiana* along the Asparagus row! It is almost as effective as the display made by the Wild Cucumber and Scarlet Runner Bean, blooming together on an old woven wire fence. The Annuals are the joy of the poor rolling stones. I thought, as I read Monkshood's letter, of the ten-day vacation husband and I spent gypsying with Ford and tent this last fall, over the eastern half of this glorious old State of Iowa. So many, many homes, fine improvements, and not a flower in sight. Yet against the gray cement steps of one little home glowed the vivid scarlet of the Chinese Woolflower. New house, new grounds, but somebody loved and beautified it.



SWEET WILLIAMS

Since I've been making my last stand at the White Bungalow I've been giving especial attention to Perennials from seed. I have Hibiscus, Columbine, Gaillardia, Gypsophila, Achillea, Sweet William, Hardy Pinks, Hardy Carnations, Sweet Rocket, Hollyhocks and Oriental Poppies in profusion, all raised from seed. But why cannot I get my FoxGlove through our Iowa winter? I do want some so badly, and for two winters now my plants were killed, and it would seem there is always room to learn. My Pæonies didn't bloom—they were planted too deeply. I wondered why my Poppies faded so soon when cut; now I keep them fresh in the house for several days because I cut them before sunrise, wet with dew. My Hardy Phlox was rather unsatisfactory; found they do not come true to seed and are best propagated by root division.



HARDY GAILLARDIA

Fleur-de-Lis, I was rather proud of my thirty varieties of named Iris, supplemented by a dozen Japanese seedlings, but my chapeau is off to you! I've about a bushel and a-half of Dahlia Bulbs to plant and give this year, all

from one package of seed; all were lovely. Have forty-four California Giant Seedling Geraniums ready for the beds. Can hardly wait until they bloom. I have also, but oh, dear! I'll never, never be asked to sit down again! Only won't somebody tell me all about Hardy Roses—ever-blooming, pointed buds?

Moss Pink.

Dear Editor: Might I ask that contributors be requested to give their names and addresses when writing on floriculture? Advice and suggestions from Oregon and California are apt to be misleading to the New Englander, and what goes in Texas will not do for the Northern plains. The location of the contributor would tend to keep things straight.

A. L. T.

NOTE: We plan to always print the State to cover the point raised by "A. L. T." The reason for omitting the Postoffice is to save our friends answering thousands of letters.—Ed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Plants for Shady Places.

Q. What plants can be recommended for shady places?

A. All Lilies, including the White and Blue Day Lily, and also the Lemon Lily. Though of course sunlight is needed for the perfection of their flowers, as they come up out of shrubbery in which the bulbs are planted. There is a difference of course between high shade and the shade of low branched trees, and the Lilies when in the shade want free airy shade above their heads. Plants under the heavy shade of low-growing trees soon despair and perish. Violets and Forget-Me-Nots love the shade. Pinks, Fuchsias, Begonias and Poppies also thrive well in partial shade. The Passion Vines, Clematis, Solanum Jasminoides, Akebia, Maurandias, do splendidly as climbers in the shade.—Ed.

Stimulating Roses.

Q. How can I stimulate growth with my Roses?

A. Quoting from a foreign Rose Grower: "Chemicals serve very well as stimulants, but a Rose can no more live on them and thrive than a Rosarian on nothing but gin and water. Yet I must admit that nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, and some other chemical fertilizers are of benefit, but they should be considered only as assistants to the reliable and essential farm-yard manure, upon which the Roses love to feed. I believe that nitrate of soda in very sparing amounts intensifies the color of Roses, and it unquestionably adds beauty and lustre to the foliage of the Queen of Flowers." Ed.

The Editor would like to hear from those who have flowered Lilies two or more years in succession from the same bulbs in the house. What treatment do you give these house-blooming Lilies?

Using Forced Hyacinths.

Q. Will my Hyacinths that were flowered in the house in pots this spring produce a flower next year?

A. It is best to keep the Hyacinths in the pots until late spring and then plant them with ball of earth attached from the pot to the open border in the garden. Let them remain there for two years or, perhaps, for three years. Then you will have a revitalized bulb that will be ready to perform again as a handsome bloomer in the house. Remember, though, that there are careful growers who bloom them year after year.—Ed.

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Laurentia, red.
Madame Krelage, lilac-pink.
Persica, yellow-brown.
Pride of Haarlem, rose carmine-blue.
Sultan, maroon-black.
Vermilion Glow, red white blue.
Wilhelmina, scarlet.

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Bentrix, red-white.
Centenaire, violet-carmine-white.
Esopus, white-red.
Hebe, lilac-white-brown.
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GLADIOLUS

and care for them properly thru the winter, but a good friend of mine who had years of experience with many kinds of flowers, told me it was quite unnecessary, so I left them in the ground with the result that they presented me with a nice family of "children" in the spring. This spring, when the green shoots appeared, I dug very carefully about them and took great handfuls of tiny bulbets that were crowding too closely in the nest and planted them in shallow trenches to give them room to develop. Many are up now (April 1) several inches, slender, grass-like blades, and still there will be several flower stalks on every cluster that I robbed. In



A BUNCH OF DAHLIAS

the fall these can be divided and reset. Any Southerner who has been lifting her Gladiolus, please take note.

In the March P. F. M. Mrs. Gladys E. Kryder asks who has tried Hardy Sweet Peas from

seed. I have, and will pass on my experience with them. I planted my seed next the porch at the back of the flower bed, where they could climb my porch banisters, but while they grow several feet tall, they are not a clinging vine and don't take kindly to strings; are very heavy and much preferred lounging over upon my Shasta Daisies to climbing a string in a stately and orderly manner. I tried to dig them up to plant elsewhere but, alas! the roots reach to China (apparently), and so I have had to be content with shaving them off with the hoe (and they have seven lives). I have another

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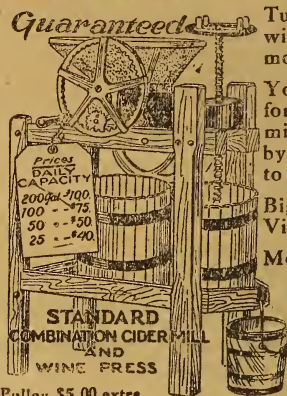
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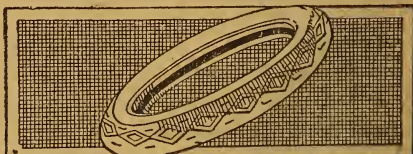
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VERBENAS ARE SO LOVELY

lias bloom the same season. I have never had any success keeping the tubers over.

My Tulips are in full blast now, but many are strangers to me. I wish all of you people who live where spring comes late could see a flower bed on the south side of a church in our town. It is a perfect mass of fiery red Verbenas, with a few Petunias at the corners; it has been a blaze of color for several weeks. One would almost believe it was a bit of California.

It seems quite the proper thing to have a Floral name. I don't recall seeing a letter signed Blue Bonnet, but, although that is my State flower, I shan't be Mrs. Blue Bonnet, not that I have anything against them, but blue isn't my favorite color in flowers. My own name has a meaning—two, in fact. To bloom and flourish is the meaning of the word in the proper form; the name as a common noun means Sweet Fennel, Texas.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Dear Floral Friends:

I have been a long time getting here and am very thirsty. No sugar, please. I do enjoy reading our little Magazine so much, and get so many helpful hints from it that I feel ashamed when I don't have any to offer. However here is one for Bell Heather: just drop your envy, take up your hammer, and saw, and nails; now get some narrow boards, about 4 or 6 inches wide, cut them two feet long; now nail a piece to each fence post so they lean out on a slight, upward slant, get the narrowest poultry wire you can, staple to this and watch Mrs. Leghorn fly against this till she gets tired. I wonder how many of the Sisters have little, human blossoms in their gardens? I have four, the sweetest blossoms in my whole garden. Althea: I have one of your namesakes in my yard. My favorite hardy Perennial is the old-fashioned Yellow Lily. I note "a subscriber" wants to know the best plants for a cemetery. I have not had much experience in that line, but this winter my husband cleaned an old cemetery that had grown up to second growth timber, some trees on the graves were two and three inches through, the head stones gone, no one living around who could tell who was buried there, and this spring you can tell every grave in that deserted place by the long mounds of dwarf, purple Iris that has lived through all these years of neglect.

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Dear Friends of the Tea Table:

May I not talk a few minutes with La Mariosa before talking flowers? First, La Mariosa, "mere man," is not necessarily "unchristian." Our Saviour was a man. Seems all manhood should try to be better because of that fact. I agree with you, almost, about women as officeholders. Why should any woman want to be President? I have always believed the right to vote was already woman's, but the privilege of exercising that right was long withheld.

And we owe it to certain good men, who have long worked for us, that the privilege is ours at this time. And I say, let us be very careful that we do not abuse the privilege. We shall see many things differently, but that doesn't prove that we always shall see them rightly. But I do take exceptions to your statement that the "blame rests on the mothers who bore us and reared us to manhood." It is a gross libel that has rested on womanhood, probably ever since Adam said, "the woman emptied me."

"The hand that rocks the cradle, rocks the world," may be true in a sense, but in a greater sense it is untrue. This world has been horribly rocked the past few years. Do you think the mother of Kaiser Bill rocked it? I don't. I have known several widows who raised boys to be noble, useful men, although they had no others to guide them, to lead them to saloons and brothels, to set the example of tobacco using, to tell of the deviltry they got into when they were boys, to tell them dirty stories. I believe there are wonderful fathers, who are careful for their boys, but I do believe they are in the minority, and the father has as much to do with the boy's character as the mother.

My! my! that tea is getting cold, and I can't bear cold tea.

If Mrs. J. F. Warren isn't pretty careful I'm afraid I shall write to her. I don't believe there ever was a greater lover of flowers and music than I am, yet the flowers I have are not so many and hardly earned, and I am no musician; yet I do not care much for poetry. A little strange, isn't it? Things grow good or me when they have the chance. When I read of some of your wondrous flower gardens, it just "gives me a pain." Oh, I like to read about them all right, but the old question arises and looks me in the face, "why can't I?" One way and another, that question has made itself a perfect nuisance. Irish Rose, were you born in Irish Rose, or are you a Buckeye? I've a feeling for Buckeyes; was one myself until I became a Wolverine. Now there are two states I think are the "best ever."

I am ashamed to have talked so long and said so little; one of my failings. Do you know that Syringas can be rooted by taking cuttings of new growth before the buds start in the spring, and Spirea Prunifolia by taking them in the fall when the leaves are gone? Stick them in your plant dishes if you like, but don't let them dry out. I am going to take some this fall and cover them all with sand and put them in the cellar till spring.

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Two little pairs of boots to-night

Before the fire are drying,
Two little pairs of tired feet
In a trundle-bed are lying;
The tracks they left upon the floor,
Make me feel much like sighing.

Those little boots with copper toes!

They run the life-long day!
And oftentimes I almost wish
That they were miles away,
So tired am I to hear so oft
Their heavy tramp at play.

They walk about the new-ploughed ground,

Where mud in plenty lies;
They roll it up in marbles round,
And bake it into pies;
And then at night, upon the floor,
In every shape it dries.

To-day I was disposed to scold,

But when I see to-night
These little boots before the fire,
With copper toes so bright,
I think how sad my heart would be
To put them out of sight.

For in a trunk up-stairs I've laid

Two socks of white and blue;
If called to put those boots away,
O God, what should I do?
I mourn that there are not to-night,
Three pairs instead of two.

I mourn because I thought how nice

My neighbor "cross the way,"
Could keep her carpets all the year
From getting worn or gray.

Yet well I know she'd smile to own
Those little boots to-day.

We mothers weary get and worn

Over our load of care;
But how we speak of little ones,
Let each of us beware,
What would our beside be at night,
If no small boots were there?

By S. J. W.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Azalea, here comes Ima, with her butterfly-net. There, I have him! Now a drop of ether on his head and a pin through his wind bag and he will make a fine specimen among any collection of butterflies; he won't bite you any more. Let's bar the men who are not nice out of our book, also all discussion not pertaining to floral culture. Some are not interested in politics; discussing both, flowers would soon lose out, also all beauty that comes with flowers, for politics are sometimes smelly. Women are surely coming into their own, but will it be best for children? Ah! I forgot, we must not talk politics.

Dear Sisters, you who know me, beside my pen name, know of the care and trouble I have, but when the calf ate all my Pansy plants close to the ground I was so disappointed, my beloved Pansy bed was only a dream. I smiled through tears.

Fleur-de-Lis, do invite me to visit you when your Iris is in bloom. I would love to see them



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Dear Floral Friends:

May I come to the party? Thank you, but my cup is turned down. A wise mother would not allow coffee at all and tea very seldom, so the habit was never acquired.

Kansas Sunflower, stand up for your rights. You beat me to it, so the name is yours. Only a real honest-to-goodness Jayhawker has a right to your name. Can't keep still any longer. Haven't those "down east" folks found out yet that Kansas is the very (Sun) flower of the Union? We also have a wealth of native flowers in this part of our State. Not all are Sunflowers and Dandelions either. As a relative from York State exclaimed: "Why you can pick a bouquet anywhere along the road in Kansas. Our wide prairies and timber are full of the wild beauties."

Fleur-de-Lis, if you ever find the name of the old-fashioned plant you described in the April number, please tell me, so I can get it again. Mother got it in exchange many years ago. I am sure I could go back to that old homestead and find the identical spot where it grew. It makes me homesick to think of that lovely, old garden that used to be. It is my dream to reproduce it in size, shape of beds and variety of flowers some day when I have space. Later residents plowed it up for potatoes. Now was not that a shame? After years of patient search I obtained an old-fashioned plant, *Mertensia Virginica*. It is lovely, with its pink buds and blue bell-shaped flowers.

Now, just hear those Pennsylvania folks giggle. They think I don't know it is a wildling there. In 1903 a writer from Erie county told us all about it in our Magazine. It likes a moist place and they call it Wild Hyacinth or Blue Bells. Lungwort is also a name for it. It is a lovely, hardy plant, blooming quite early here. Do try it, for it is fine."

But it is time to go and I wanted to tell about more of my lovely flowers. Some of them came from grandmother's garden in New York many years ago.

Well, good-bye, folks. May I come again? Come out to Kansas and hunt for wild flowers and on a sunny hillside you will be sure to find "Fox Glove."

Dear Floral Sisters:

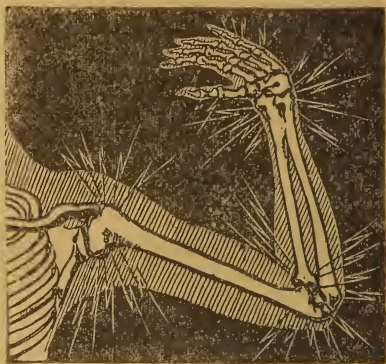
I am making my window-box do double duty this year. Early in March I planted lettuce and radishes in the box. These will be ready to use by the time it is safe to plant the Coleus and Impatiens, with which the box is filled in summer. Can some one tell me what treatment I should give a trailing Lantana? Mine grew and bloomed beautifully, and then suddenly withered and died.

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But at dawn when the birds were waking,
As they watched in the silent room,
With the sound of a strained cord breaking,
A something snapped in the gloom.

'Twas a string of his violoncello,
And they heard him stir in bed—
"Make room for a tired little fellow,
Kind God!" was the last that he said."

By Austin Dobson.

FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

In response to the S.O.S. of Bell Heather for

a Leghorn-proof barricade, would say we are a neighborhood of Leghorns and Gardens, with very little dividing fences, and still good-will and friendship predominate. Would further proof be needed of the efficacy of the barricade we are generally using? It consists of enclosures of one by two-inch pine stripping covered with one-inch poultry netting for the chicks, and two-inch mesh for the larger fowls; but in every instance roofed over with the coarser netting. 'Tis a little trouble, but can be constructed without the aid of mail assistance, and we find the egg production heavier than when the fowls have free range. Of course they must have plenty of green food and fresh water in addition to the egg-making foods, but as the gardens are equally indispensable with the Leghorns we don't consider the care given them a waste of time.

Corydalis.

Would You Advise Me To Take Nuxated Iron?---I Am Weak

NERVOUS, and "ALL PLAYED OUT" after my day's work, but times are "hard" and money scarce and I do not want to spend a cent that is not absolutely necessary.

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FLORAL FRIEND'S CORNER.

Good afternoon, Dear Everybody:

Now where can I begin, our Magazine is surely interesting again. What grand letters and heart touching poems! I surely second the motion (Bertha) to observe April 2d as Edith Porter Kimball's memorial day. I shall plant a fine Pine tree, I have picked it out already. You speak right from my heart. I often also think of the Dreamer and the lonely, practical one. I often wondered why we did not hear of Laurel any more, (our first guest at our party,) and now I learned that was her nom de plume. For the first time I read about a Moss Rose, and I nearly believed Moss Roses a fake. I saw wonderful Moss Roses in Europe, but in this region I only find them in catalogues. Wait when I tell you some day of mine. Did you read about the naughty boy who deceived his Ma when he killed that fine Begonia with the new plant food? I never fertilize my Begonias, but they just revel in the soil where Ferns grow rank in. What a fine article on Begonias there was in the February number. I wonder if the writer lives in the West? I seen nowhere such wonderful Begonias as last fall in the West. Heather, thank you for your invitation; I am sure your flower bed is grand. I wish you could come and see mine, also my Roses and my fine collection of house plants. We would then have a real tea party. Irish Rose, I love your ambition. Do you mean to catch up to Gladiolus, who brought us fifteen guests at once? You say, Rose, "we will have some paper". I don't see when we will have better print and better paper. We certainly can't expect it for that beggarly price we are paying. Just think what we are getting now! I welcome you heartily on the "hayseed deal", Rose. I believe there are more of the same spirit, for instance, Dan Sweeny, his "Kerry Dancing", which I have to read again and again, is proof that he is acquainted with country life and also that he loves it. I think it a grand idea of the Editor to let us vote for the Laurel as a caption cut for our Corner; that is a grand tribute to the memory of the beloved poetess. Now I have, perhaps, talked too long already, so good-bye. Next time I will tell you about my wonderful Moss Rose.

Azalea.

Dear Friends of the Corner:

'Tis Spring. I know, for didn't I find two "Dandelions" in the Corner, and in February, too? Real harbingers of Spring, and welcome, too, they are, tho I can't always say that of Dandelions.

Oh! No! Azalea, I never for one moment meant that the "Corner" was "tame." How could it be tame with all the "wild" things that

are coming in? When that letter was written, Azalea, the Corner was almost altogether dominated by the East, and I only wanted to "roust" out some more Westerners. Well, we have no room for complaint on that score now, for, as Poppy remarked, the West is now "under full steam," and we may yet see Cactus and Yucca, tho they are so slow.

Welcome, Wild Aster, of Nebraska! Do you know I counted twenty-eight of your family on a two-mile hike last fall?

I, too, am at heart an "Anti," Azalea, tho I did vote. But I think you are right; if our children are properly brought up, we don't need the ballot, we have it. "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle," you know. Now, if this doesn't stir up the political broth again, I'm mistaken.

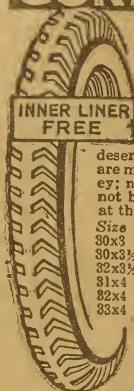
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FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

Dear Floral Friends:

I've a bone to pick with "Daisy," because that is really-truly my name (middle), while hers is just assumed. I think that we can get together peaceably tho, and arrange on a compromise. I'm in Sunny Calif., tho not from here, so tell Valerian "I'm another" proud of the Empire State; saw the light in Homer. I'm trying to accomplish quite a feat—raise all the flowers I want to in a pocket handkerchief sized garden, and only a small portion of it tillable. But it is all that is allotted to me as a Garage resident; don't laugh, (it is all the style to live in 'em here). When I get my shelves all filled with 'potted plants, or, I might appropriately say, "canned" plants, as I utilize all the tin cans from back of a bakery, unless the city official gets them first, why I'll report again. By that time I expect even the slips to be in blossom. I'm going to have my Can Conservatory make people sit up and take notice! I've a Cacti circle and am very desirous of getting hold of a copy of the Cacti Manual of A. Blanc, of Philadelphia, twenty or more years ago a prominent Cacti specialist there. I will return the favor. I've thirteen varieties of Begonia and am on the trail of many more. One, the Zebina, ought to be called the Camelina, because of the water it can hold. I use so many feet-up too, like the sky scrapers; have some well-fed hanging baskets. Ever let Coboea Scandens run riot? It beats anything for draping itself artistically. I'm even raising seedlings. I've quite a family of Mexican Candle plants; anything odd or rare I'm after—if I can get it. When it comes to flowers I regret that I wasn't an heiress, instead of a poor preacher's daughter, tho in one way I am one: "Heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown."

Another Daisy.

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daca. Light green and
dark red variegated fo-
liage
Beardt, Broad pointed
leaf of purple-crimson
Emersoni, Purple red
Gibsoni, Pointed green
leaf with yellow marks
Lindenii, dark purple,
narrow pointed leaves
McNalley, Round, broad
green striped yellow
Agathæa Monstrosa Blue
Alternanthera, **Selboldii**,
yellow
Jewell, Rich carmine
Versicolor, chocolate,
crimson and green
Amomum Cardamomum
Handsome, delicious-
ly-scented foliage
plant of easy culture
Asparagus Sprengeri
Flumosus Nanus
Begonia Semperflorens
Fuchsioidea
Bryophyllum Calycium
Campylobotrys Regia
Cestrum Parquii
Coleus Variety
Crasula Cordata
Cyperus Alternanfolius
Daisy, Marguerite, Single
white
Eranthemum Pulchellum
Eupatorium Serrulatum
Riparium
Ficus Repens. A lovely
creeper, attaches to
and covers walls in
the South
Geranium Zonale
Buchner White

Jean Vauld Pink
Ricard Bright Red
S. A. Nutt Dark Red
Geranium, Scented-leaf'd
Habrothamnus Elegans
Impatiens, In variety
Ivy, Irish or Parlor.
Note, Grows in deep shade
and is a good vine to
festoon a room, or to
cover a wall that is al-
ways hidden from the
sun. Of rapid growth.
Jasmine Beeslanum
Revolutum
Justicia Sanguinea
Lantana, in variety
Libonia Penrhosiensis
Moon Vine, Blue
Muehlenbeckia Repens.
Note. Exquisite little vine
for a pot trellis, easily
grown and exceeding-
ly graceful. Also fine
for bracket-pot, or
basket

Pilea, Artillery Plant
Primula Malacoides Lilac
Malacoides White
Sansevieria Zeylanica
Saxifraga Sarmantosa
Solanum Grandiflorum
Strobilanthes Anisophyllus
Dyerianus, Metallic red
Tradescantia, Multicolor
Green and white
Vinca
Variegata

Hardy Plants

Egopodium Podagaria.
Note. Fine, dwarf edging
plant, perfectly hardy
with graceful, dense
foliage, light green

with a distinct white
border. Easily grown
Artemisia, Oldman
Aster Hardy, Pink
Blue
Bellis Daisy Red
White
Bupthalamum Cordifolium
Chrysanthemum Mixed
Fragaria Indica
Funkia, **Fortunii**
Gypsophila Paniculata
Hibiscus, **Crimson Eye**
Note. This bears immense
showy flowers in huge
clusters. Grows 6 to 8
feet high, blooms free-
ly in autumn.
Hemerocallis
Aurantica Major
Flava
Iris Liberty Mixed
Pseuda Acorus
Lamium Maculatum pink
Linaria Delmatica
Linum Perene, Mixed
Metricaria Capensis
Monarda Didyma
Gnothera, **Lamarckiana**
Youngii
Peas, **Perennial Mixed**
Pinks, hardy mixed
White
Pokeberry, **Phytolacca**
Polygonum cuspidatum
Poppy, Royal scarlet
Primula officinalis, yellow
Rhubarb
Rudbeckia Newmanii
Rudbeckia Purpurea
Sage, Broad-leaved
Shasta Daisy
Alaska White
Star of Bethlehem
Sweet Rocket, Tall, White

Tall, Purple
Sweet William
Mixed
Tansy
Tradescantia Virginica
Tricyrtis Hirta, Toad Lily
Veronica Spicata Blue

Shrubs and Trees

Anorpha Fruticosa
Bignonia Radicans
Boxwood
Deutzia, **Lemoine**
Euonymus Americana
Variegated
Forsythia Viridissima
Glycine Frutes, **Wisteria**
Hydrangea
Arborescens Grandiflora
Note: This is the splen-
did Shrub advertised
as Hills of Snow, the
heads are globular and
of large size.
Hydrangea Paniculata
Lady, English, Green
Abbotsford variegated
Lilac, white, also purple
Mock Orange Sweet Scent-
ed
Prisel Berry, evergreen
Rose, **Crimson Rambler**
Lady Gay
Double White Snow Drop
Hiawatha
Snow Ball, Old Fashioned
Spirea,
Callosa alba
VanHoutte
Reevesii, double white
Staphanadra Flexuosa
Willow, For Baskets
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Lapark, Penna.

My dear Ima, I read and reread your most kind and generous invitation. I would so love to come. Yes, I know I should enjoy every minute of a sojourn with you. For when we were not taking those rambles, then we could talk flowers and yet more flowers, for the subject is endless. How I wanted to throw my arms around your neck and just hug you, oh, so tight. For such a kind thought can only come from a generous and unselfish heart. My tears would fall in spite of me. My heartfelt gratitude is yours, and a sincere wish for many happy and prosperous years for both you and your floral babies, my dear, Ima.

Wild Rose.

Lowdy, Floral Folks, Especially Buckeye:

Say "Ima," and did ye hear what that "Pine Cone and Tassel" said about us, and especially about mai? "War whoop" aindaid! and "Johah's Ark!"

Begorra "Ima," that Maine person had bitter put oin the overalls, and bring an aixtra hair for in case of aixadent! Then there's that "Iris" that I thot was home sure taking good keer o' the brains. But I find she's gone an bin intoicated. Why it malks me rish hair stand oin ond.

Oi'm wonderin' how moiny ever tried soaking Geranium seed before they planted 'em: I lid, begorry, and it helped wonderfully. Pop! and up joimped a round dozen. I set em in the garden and soaked the earth agan and up come three mair. Now I thank you Bertha N. N. for spakin in such beautiful terms o' ny faice. But between us I'll say this Corner's looin to me what you've done to, your Dahias, begorry it's keepin' me too warm. Sure and betimes I think I may be a Canna seed. One o' them you "scald till they pop." Why ure, Moik, "Bell Heather" and I keep Legorns. A barricade, my dear has niver been latched. This is the year I turn those Legorns for Rocks. Sure, I hope the Rocks will tay put. Now a suggestion, Bell Heather, when you use the two words "Irish" and "pig," be keefull; but, begorry, whin you use the vaird Rose with the same, be doubly keefull.

Now here's where I give ye Editor a calling, him Ima I've a story to relate to ye, thin o'im lun. Now, Captain, this Editor of ours once old you of a "mote in the eye," did he not? Well, it's worse than a mote he has in his own, Azalea. It's bad enuf, sure, the way these Maine people wooled me, ond the suggestions about climbing roses and all, thin to cap it here comes the Editor and calls me Wild Rose! Did ye ever hear o' the laik? Now I wonder if he's noticing the Buckeyes are leaving every other State in the ditch in the race for members?

Buckeye, it's time to start to think about some kind o' a cheer. Let's start it something like this:

The most memoers ye know, Was found in good old O-h-I-O.

I wish you'd print the standing, Mr. Editor.

Naw, "Ima," once upon a toim to a viledge school came a lecturer. He told many stories of far-away and near-lands. He told how children were called "Laplenders," and how some were spoken of as "Buckeyes," and still others were known as "Hoosiers." Now, he said, "I am from Maine. What do you suppose they call me?" "Oh, that's easy," spoke up a little curly head, "you're a Mainack!" Ond here is where I become a "Cloimng American Beauty" amediately, meaning at once.

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PROSE AND SONG.

I looked upon a plain of green,
That some one called the land of prose,
Where many living things were seen,
In movement or repose.]

I looked upon a stately hill
That well was named the Mount of Song,
Where golden shadows dwelt at will
The woods and streams among.

But most this fact my wonder bred,
Though known by all the nobly wise—
It was the mountain streams that fed
The fair green plain's amenities.

By John Sterling

FLORAL FRIEND'S CORNER.

Dear Friends of Floraland:

May I, too, join the Tea Party? If you are serving hot tea, I'll take sugar and a slice of lemon in mine, please, and if it should be iced tea, I'll take a sprig of mint and plenty of sugar.

I've only been a reader of the Magazine for about a year and enjoy it so much. I'm an office worker, so don't have much time to read, but read it my lunch hour. Don't have much time either for my flowers, only just "between whiles", but they do me lots of good.

My favorites are the old-fashioned ones and I like to hear them called by their old-fashioned names, for who wouldn't think "Rose Moss" prettier than "Portulaca" and "Prince's Feather" much prettier than "Cockscomb"? It is the same flower, isn't it? Will some of you please tell me if you know an old-fashioned flower called "Lady-in-the-Green"? The nearest I can find like it in the Catalogues is called "Love-in-Mist", or Nigella Miss Jeckyll I happened to be able to get some seeds from a dear old-fashioned lady not long ago, but it has been too cold to plant them. We had a hard freeze Easter, that played havoc with flowers and everything.

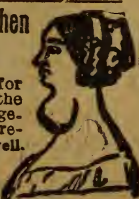
Will some one please tell me about the culture of Lavender? I had such a nice plant about a year ago and it was in fine shape when I received it, but it died in a few weeks. I also planted seed, but got no results. Also I planted Passion Vine seed, but they never came up. In our old home I had a plant and it bloomed nicely, and am going to plant seed again this spring and would be very glad if some of you could give me some pointers. Also understand that the Jews have a legend concerning it that I would be glad to hear of, if any one of you know it.

I liked the fancy of Floraland so much, as everyone may live in Floraland, if they want to badly enough, and so many of us never have a chance to see so many beautiful places we would like to, and can only know them in books and pictures.

I could write such a long letter, but as this is my first, I won't impose on the Editor's good nature by asking for too much space. I enjoyed "Bel. Feather's" and "Irish Rose's" letters so much. I will join the Floral Friend's Corner under the following name, if no one objects, "Lady-in-the-Green".

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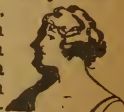
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Dear Floral Friends:

I used to think that the arrival of Parks Floral Magazine seemed like receiving a letter from a personal friend, but since the "Corner" has been a feature, it seems more like getting a whole batch of friendly letters. I have never seen any mention in the Magazine pages of that beautiful botanical garden, the Arnold Arboretum, and I wonder if it is ever visited by any of the Massachusetts Floral Friends. I wish that I could visit it at least once each week from April to November, but as that is not possible, I must be content with a trip or two, or three, each season. This garden is said to contain the largest collection of trees and shrubs of any garden in the United States and possibly of any in the world. It is very easy of access and it occupies two hundred and twenty acres of hill, meadow and valley.

Much of this area is just lovely bits of native New England scenery, but there are many rare and beautiful trees and shrubs which were brought from Europe and Asia. Late in May there is a wonderful display of Japanese Cherry, Crab Apple and Lilac blooms. I heard some one say that there are one hundred and fifty varieties of Lilac in the Arboretum, but I never before suspected that there were so many kinds in the whole universe. I had heard much of the beauty of the Lilacs in the Arboretum, but it certainly exceeded my wildest expectations.

The Lilac show is followed in June by another, equally magnificent, when the Mountain Laurel, Rhododendrons and Azaleas are in bloom. The dainty pink and white of the Laurel, and the rich, glowing colors of the Rhododendrons massed against the dark green of the Hemlocks, at the base of Hemlock Hill, form a most beautiful contrast. There are ponds in this lovely "Garden of Trees"; I saw two and one had a border of yellow Japanese Iris. A pretty brook wanders through the meadow and ripples over the stony bed at the base of steep hemlock-covered cliffs. Many species of our beautiful native birds make their homes in this place, as it is naturally very attractive to them. The Shrub Gardens are lovely, especially in June when the Roses are blooming—but I hear some one, I think it's the Editor—saying, "It is time for her to go". But I must say a few words to Poppy before I depart. Yes, Poppy, we hear much about "Western push", and doubtless it is a desirable quality to be possessed. I notice that Poppy spells my "non de bloom" with a final k, so it is very evident that she has mistaken me for Silky Cornel. No, I am not as well known as that. I'm just a little member of the Heath family, botanically (Arcostaphylos—Uva-ursi) also variously called Red Bearberry, Bear's Grape, Foxberry and Mealberry, but I prefer "Kinnikinic."

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Dear Floral Corner:

I have been at the point of joining the party we were so kindly invited to, but let all the rush of work keep me away till now. I am just recovering from an attack of grippe, so cannot work. Don't know as I have many ideas to help others, but Althea, of Mo., asks suggestions for Hardy Perennials. My favorite is Delphinium Hybrids. Plant seed in July or August. Next is Pæonies and Japanese Iris. The tall spike of azure blue of the Delphinium is my favorite.

Some one asked about borders. I like the Aegopodium Podagraria, green with white edged foliage, no two leaves alike, I suppose. What is better than dwarf Ageratum for borders? I enjoyed Mr. Corson's article mentioning Violets. I want to get some of the yellow ones. I love blue flowers, also white with green; favorites are White Lilac, Lily of the Valley and Star of Bethlehem. The latter grows wild here. I can send bulbs to any who ask me to; they bloom first week in June. Have them in your hardy border with the Iris and others. My favorite wild flower is, of course, my nom de plume, altho it may have been taken by another, as I delayed my appearance so long. My hobby is going to Pine or Evergreen woods looking for Arbutus, studying birds and taking pictures. I believe it was Pine Cone and Tassel who said some one in Mass. should have my nom de plume, but I think I have a right to it, as there is quite a lot in my native State. I have gathered it in Mass., too, when I was in boarding school. I was cheated this year of going for it by my illness. I want to send a message to Bertha N. Norris, as I lost her address, which was in the Magazine about a year ago. She asked about two things which are very common here. I could send some. One was a trailing Myrtle with yellow blossoms, that is all over our yard; the other was the striped grass. Arbutus.

Come, dear Dandelion, among the flowers let us take a stroll to the woods, and see what we can find in Wild Flowers. Dear old home, father, mother, and the flowers they loved so well! I live out here on the farm, just us two, son and I, just a few years. Father and mother are gone, but never forgotten. Last Spring I sowed Pansy seed in a tub and a nasty calf got into the yard and upset my Pansy bed. I have the white Chrysanthemum, had the brown but it, too, turned white. I have a red Rambler Rose at the front porch, very pretty, and I have what we call a Clove bush. It is full of bloom now and smells so good; the blossom is shaped like a clove and the scent is similar to cloves; have had it so many years here that I do not remember the true name, or where we got the start. My pretty purple Iris was winter killed or froze out several winters ago, and I really never knew where to get another start again, as Mother brought it from home and set it in my yard. Dear Mother! she is gone. She brought the purple Lilac also. I have a small bush with a small pink, rose-like flower. Could you tell me, Editor, what is the true name of it? I have always called it the Primrose, but know it's not that. With love to all

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FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER.

I brought my little (Toad) stool along for fear Azalea would run out of chairs. Yes, I am all "dolled up" for the occasion. I know you are all eager to see my new hat, well it is a (Mushroom) shape, made of beautiful (Straw) flowers and is trimmed with (Daisies) and (Golden Feather). It has been hard times in Alabama since the bottom fell out of the cotton market, so I could only afford a Calico (Bush) dress, but it is real pretty, for it is trimmed in lace (Fern) and Ribbon (Grass). I have on my (Lady) Slippers and (Fox) Gloves. I brought my Fan (Palm) along, so if it got too hot for me, and my Umbrella (Palm) in case of rain.

My little boy (Jack-in-the-Pulpit), but we call him John, for short, cried to come with me, so I just put on his little (Dutchman's) Breeches, his (Joseph's) Coat and his (Monk's) Cap and brought him along, too. Now (Canna) have some (Tea)? I brought my own (Cup-and-Saucer) for fear Azalea would run out, there are getting to be so many of us. Yes, and here's a (Pitcher Plant) to hold the (Milk-Weed), and here is some fresh (Butter-and-

Eggs) and a (Beef-Steak Geranium). I intended to bring some nice (Pepper Plants) too, but the (Dog Fennel) insisted on lying on them and spoiling most of them, then the (Cat) nipped the rest of them, so I had to do without the pepper, but here is the (Salt Bush).

I am so glad to be with you all, and I think it is so good of our Editor to let us have such good times together. Oh, my! it is striking (Four-O'clock) and I haven't got to tell a thing about flowers, and I know a lot about them, too, that I could tell, and I must go; so (Rose) dear, please hand me my (Pursley) for I mustn't leave my (Money-wort). (Johnny-Jump-up) and stop that taxi or we will miss our train. No, thank you, Azalea, dear, I can't stay a minute longer for (Motherwort) will be uneasy and get (Impatient). (Grand-father-gray-beard) isn't very well, has the rheumatism in his (Crow) foot, and I am afraid (Poppy) will just sit and smoke his (Pipe-vine) and let the baby cry until it holds its breath. Come son, the (Moon-vine) will be shining now before we get home.

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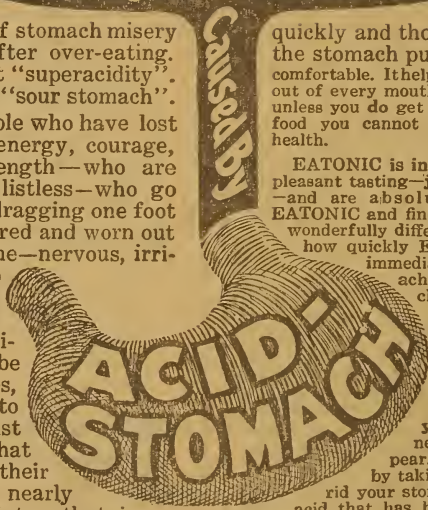
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